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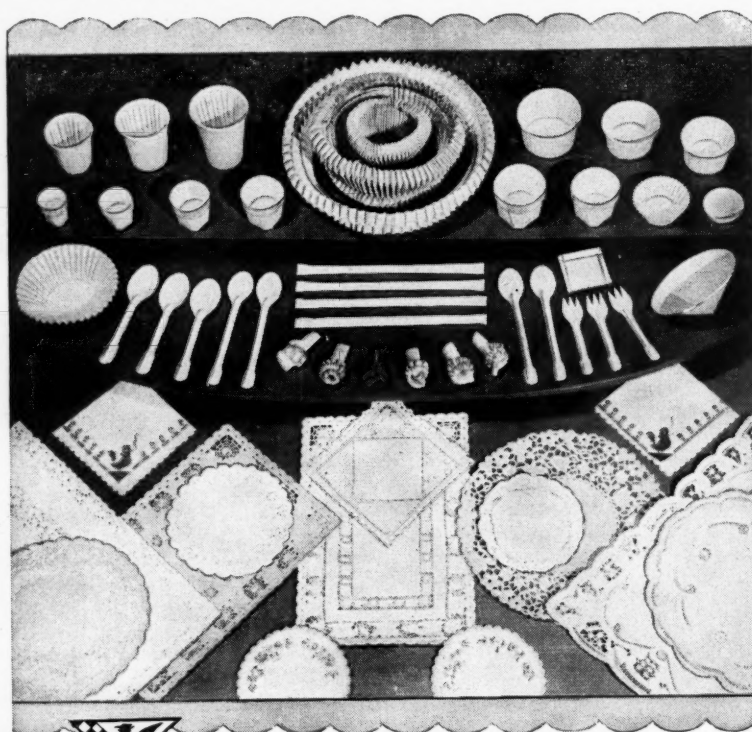
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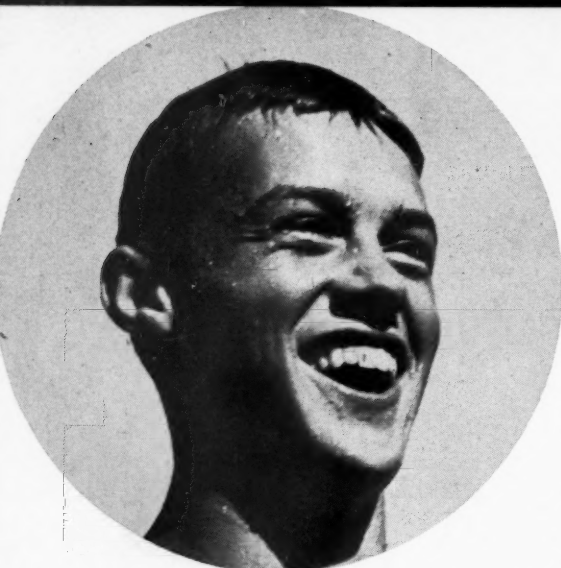


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Guideposts to SOUND LEADERSHIP

This article is based on a paper delivered before the ACA at the Boston Convention in February. While it is presented from the point of view of the Settlement or two-week camp, it contains principles fundamental in setting standards for counselors in any camp.

DIRECTORS OF ALL TYPES of camps, for all ages of boys and girls, are almost all in universal agreement that the focal point of success or failure in morale, camp spirit, harmony, cooperation, true education and character growth is the tent leader or cabin counselor. Good food is important; sanitation, health, program and water safety are vital factors also. But gains in attitudes, adjustments in social behavior, improvements in personal habits, enrichment of friendships and growth of personality are usually directly traceable to the influence of an able counselor.

As we approach the task of securing counselors for our camp, whether it be large or small, we may do well to observe and remember that the standard for counselors which we personally establish is the standard which is going to prevail in our camp. If this be so, our attitudes, objectives and personal characters are paramount.

The things we do speak so loudly our workers do not hear what we say. Do we honestly believe it is good management to attempt to hold our workers and helpers to a set pattern of activity and camp life, and then adopt for ourselves less rigid demands upon our time and talent because we are the so-called boss? It may be assumed that there are some pre-

rogatives belonging to our office, but experience has taught me that a very important element in the attaining of a successful camp season is the recognition of the principle expressed in the following statement:—

"From each according to his ability,

"To each according to his need."

Accepting this principle of a disciplined leadership, and rightfully acknowledging our responsibility for its fair observance, we are now prepared to set forth the standards for others.

In selecting counselors for a two-week camp we must recognize several factors apart from the individual we are considering as a co-worker.

The very existence of the short-term camp period accentuates the possibility of making time at camp merely a "change" rather than an "experience" for campers. Thoughtful leaders among settlements and neighborhood houses are keenly sensitive and widely alert to the need of making the days at camp an experience so vital and real that they will be lived over and over again in the life of the individual camper.

This may sound like hitching our objectives to a star, but I am reminded that where there is no vision the camp perishes. These days in which you and I are privileged to live, are days calling for greatness and our best. It will

cost us something to live the next few years, and we ought to be prepared to pay the price.

Let us fill the thinking processes of our boys and girls with moments of high experience and noble inspiration, thereby causing the leaders of tomorrow to travel the high road of useful living and become worthy of their heritage of the past. This is education at its best.

In the second place, we must remember that the boys and girls who are at our camps come from homes which are geared to the tempo of our so-called modern and fast living standards. The influences of the more slow and quiet tempo of the country are missing. There is little or no time for thinking or communing with nature. Every single activity of the day is controlled by the incessant pressure of a life lived in the city where conditions are not very favorable to character growth. Taking a boy or girl out of this environment into the quiet and penetrating stillness of the country is something of a shock and we must be alert to these factors of change, in order to make the camp experience valid.

I shall always remember an experience I had when I brought back to a crowded part of our city a 12 year old boy we had taken for a two-week period. The boy had come from a home such as I have suggested and the quiet of the night was too much for him. We tried all the usual methods to overcome his homesickness and finally agreed, with reluctance, that the only thing to do

By
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was to take him home. As we left the main thoroughfare and turned into his own alley-like, narrow, crowded, noisy street, he began to sniff and in a moment burst out with this most illuminating statement, "Mr. T., Mr. T., smell that good fresh air."

Well, we can smile at Tony's statement; we can also learn to set the pattern of our thinking to the level of Tony's living. It's a fine art to cultivate, but one well worth while in terms of appreciations and understandings, and so essential for a good camp leader.

A third suggestion is found in an examination of the economic level on which our campers live. Life does not hold too many privileges for those who share the hospitality of our camps. For many of them there is a great willingness to accept the privilege of becoming a camper as a "hand-out," rather than with the realization that someone unknown, by name or sight, has helped to make possible the earning of a camp experience for our boys and girls to enjoy.

There is almost complete acceptance of the philosophy that life owes them a few days at camp and all they have to do is to collect, rather than earn it. This fallacy creates for leaders in these camps a double responsibility in the developing of a proper attitude toward the camp experience without leaving the stigma of the so-called hand-out upon the memory of the boys or girls committed to our care.

Having set forth these general observations, we may now direct our thinking to the concrete task of setting standards of those who will do the actual leading in our camps. This task is two-fold: What do we expect of counselors in the way of interest, experience, character and ability? What do counselors expect of the camp? Let us address ourselves to the first question: What standards do we set for counselors?

A counselor's relation to the individual camper is at the very



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THE CABIN COUNSELOR, most Directors will agree, is the focal point of success or failure in the character growth of the campers.

heart of any camp program. It determines, probably more than any other single factor, the success of the camp. The relationship of counselors to individual campers depends on many factors, including needs of campers, attitudes of counselors and the type of leadership employed. Counselors' attitudes and methods of leadership, in turn, reflect to a large extent the degree to which counselors have achieved adequacy and maturity in their personality. This is the first essential.

A camper recognizes some of his needs but is unaware of many others. Among the most important camper needs which counselors should recognize and seek to make specific in terms of individual campers are the following: health, emancipation from the home, sense of security, recognition and achievement, new and exhilarating experience, friendships, good time, a growing philosophy of life.

Some of the indications of whether a camper's needs are being satisfied or not are his desire to return to camp, satisfaction of the parents and progressive adjustment of the camper. The latter indication is the most important and can be ascertained only by careful observation.

Attitudes of counselors play a very significant role in determining the counselor-camper relationship. Some of the desired attitudes or qualifications which may be observed in counselors in their relationship with campers are: tolerance, enthusiasm, cooperation, reasonableness, guidance, sympathy, sincerity, friendliness, creativeness, imagination and a sense of humor.

Counselors may have undesirable attitudes and yet be liked by campers. For example, some of the unwholesome opposites to the attitudes listed above may be similar to those encountered in parents in the home situation. In this case, a child may simply extend the pattern of behavior established in the home and secure satisfaction through the sense of aloneness in this relationship.

Counselors constantly face the problem of what is properly called "discipline" in dealing with campers. Some counselors who work in large camps or with children from homes of low economic status are particularly inclined to feel that cooperative methods of leadership may at times need to give way to authority and force.

Although the situation is undoubtedly aggravated where the leadership personnel is not ade-

quate for the number of campers, the real determining factors in leadership methods are not the number or the economic status of the campers but the maturity and the competence of counselors. The basis of respect, obedience and cooperation lies not in fear or force but in admiration, affection and good will.

Good leadership, therefore, will substitute for the dictatorial and disciplinary attitude such principles as securing campers' cooperation; allowing, or stimulating, the group to work out its own rules, if possible; helping them to work out reasons for existence of camp rules; safe-guarding campers from over-stimulation and bringing on or inciting disciplinary problems; recognizing that there are really only a few situations in camp where authority needs to be exercised in emergency cases.

Other situations can be met by avoiding issues, capitalizing interests and responsibilities by channeling them into constructive behavior and recognizing that the purpose of discipline is not conformity in itself but growth of the individual in ability to discipline or control himself.

In discussing discipline and authority it has been suggested that the degree to which counselors have achieved maturity and adequacy in their own personality is a crucial and important element in determining the type of control they employ. Immaturity in personality not only tends to produce the authoritative type of control but is likely to produce many other undesirable effects upon campers. Many signs of immaturity in counselors may be observed in any camp.

Maturity A Process

It should be pointed out that maturity is a process—sometimes extremely painful—in which an individual passes from childish behavior characterized by lack of control, egocentricity, dependency, irresponsibility and individualism, to the adult level of behavior which is characterized by poise, social sensitiveness, independence, responsibility and cooperative participation in social life.

Campers and counselors are alike in being in this process of

growth from infantile to adult attitudes. It is important, however, that counselors be further along in development than campers are, and that the process continue rather than be arrested.

To the question, how does a counselor consciously become more mature? the following suggestions are offered:

1. By recognizing that emotional maturity is not an inevitable accompaniment of chronological maturity, but must be achieved.

2. By actually wanting to outgrow one's immaturities and achieve adult attitudes and behavior.

3. By identifying essential characteristics of emotional maturity, such as poise, social concern and sensitiveness, independence, social responsibility and cooperative participation in group life.

4. By securing insights about one's limitations and the factors which have contributed to them.

5. By associating with more mature personalities.

6. By developing interests, skills and objectives which have social rather than merely individual value.

These are the areas in which the camp director performs his best work; namely, in assisting his counselors to achieve maturity.

The statement just concluded is a reasonable presentation of what we should look for in securing our counselors. I have not enlarged upon such obvious qualifications as honesty, good health, cooperativeness and an earnest desire to help young people grow into what we like to think of as the abundant life — the heritage of every child.

For a few moments we need to think of the other phase of our task of setting standards for our counselors, that of the responsibility of the camp for the leader.

In this area we need properly to instruct prospective counselors on what the camp offers: type of housing and equipment; terrain of the grounds; distance from the local center as well as from the headquarters of the organization; philosophy, objectives, history and tradition of the camp; facilities for recreation; type and age of campers he or she may have

under care; hours of duty and hours off; medical and cultural facilities; environment surrounding campers when they are at home; exact definition of responsibilities and duties; kind of off-season contacts made with campers and their parents; and the formal organization of the camp.

Training Leaders

The supplying of all of this information is best done in three periods, "pre-camp," "in camp" and "post camp." It starts with the first interview or letter, and is followed by an evaluation of qualifications and suggestion of resources where information on skills which may be lacking can be secured. Such information may be formal and highly organized, such as training institutes, special courses or directed reading. It also may be informal and on an interest or experience level, such as hiking, cook-outs and so on.

"In camp" training will take on a different form; it will be more individual or small-group training, the kind of training where the individual counselor will have to be trained and guided in many individual situations, such as working too hard, or too little, unwise handling of campers and a host of small yet significant things which are discussed with staff members on an individual basis. Here is where the final art of leadership is at its best. The last part of "in camp" training is the evaluation made with each counselor at the end of the season on his or her own performance.

"Post camp" training takes us back to the beginning. Frequent staff reunions maintain interest during winter and spring. Round-robin letters are always welcome and serve to recruit new workers as well as carry news.

No one set of standards can be acceptable for all camps. All standards must be adjusted in the light of local needs and facilities. But for us as leaders there must be constant recognition that we can never be content with less than the best, knowing full well that the best of today will be something less than the best of tomorrow. Setting of standards for our counselors is a growing process and in this process we cannot stand still.



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ONE OF THE MAJOR activities at our camp, and one which we feel can be a happy, productive and educational feature of almost any camp, is fishing. Where Nature has already created the setting, why do more camps not take advantage of this natural sport?

Fishing was a part of the daily life of the Indian and the woodsman, to whom campers look in part as their models. It not only provided food but gave that added thrill of living in the open and matching their skill against Nature herself.

If pictures of archers with the wrong stance and grip, or pictures of any other camp activity badly done annoy you, you can imagine a fisherman's disgust in seeing a picture of a fisherman fly fishing with a casting rod. At our camp we feature fishing because our criteria on program is to teach the fundamentals and techniques of any activities that can become an adult sport or hobby.

We have two classes of fisherman—the Isaac Walton Club and the Rod and Line Club. The Isaac

Waltons are those youngsters who have inherited a strong feel for fishing. It is in their blood and they can often catch fish when others don't. This group goes in for fly fishing, fly tying, plug bait casting, trolling, etc., fishing for pickerel, bass, lake trout and brook trout.

The Rod and Line Club is a less expert class and is constituted of boys with a simple rod and line who mostly do "still fishing" over the side of a boat or from a wharf. The catch perch, sunfish, bass, horned pout, etc. These boys can be taught a lot even by a less skilled instructor — right size of hook, correct weight of sinker, best bait, where to fish, care of equipment, etc.

The more expert journey far and wide, wherever brook trout or bass or pickerel beckon. They usually have good equipment and know quite a bit about the game from some interested adult who has taught them the tricks of the trade. They share their ideas, spin their yarns and tell real fishermen's stories of big fish.

July 1st is opening day for



FISHING Can Be a "Major"

black bass in our country, and frequently a three or four pound fish is taken right in our own bay. The catch is hung on a branch of a tree to be admired by all. Then the interest mounts. Everyone wants to fish and we have to send to town for lines, hooks and sinkers.

Each boy is taught to clean his own fish (always at a designated spot in camp). The chef cooks it and rarely does a day pass but some member of a fishing club has provided a fish for dinner for his table.

Many instructors can be found, especially for beginners, from among your older campers. Often one of the fathers will come to camp and stay to fish and to teach. Camp Kehonka, a Girls' camp on Lake Winnetoesaukee, near us, has such a father in Rev. Charles Noble, an ardent bass fisherman. Local sportsmen's clubs or game wardens can supply the names of men or women who would be glad to help.

Be sure to know the legal regulations of your State — size of fish, season, license requirements, etc., and post the regulations in some conspicuous spot.

Try out the idea—it will grow on you!



CAMP TRIPS AND HIKEs

**Camper-Planned Expeditions Make the
Most Successful Expeditions**

By

Morrison A. Pierce

MORE THAN THREE million boys and girls go to camp in the United States and Canada each summer. For them camp means adventure, trips, meeting old friends and making new ones and living the romantic outdoor life. For the camp director, the counselors and parents the camp is a place where the education of the child can be continued under proper guidance in a setting different from that found in school. One of the most valuable, but often one of the most poorly organized and planned program items in the organized camp is the trip or hike.

A trip per se may or may not be interesting for the child; however, if it is cloaked in an aura of romance, mystery or adventure, the child will find a thrilling escapade in what would otherwise be a prosaic walk. Trips, as well as every other part of the program, should be purposeful and meaningful to the camper—not only to the counselor and director.

The criterion for the inclusion of any activity in the camp program is not only that the campers

enjoy participating in it, but also that it have educational and health building values for the particular individual or group for which it is intended. If we, as camp administrators, permit activities to be included which do not meet this standard, then we

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are remiss in our duty, are not living up to the obligations we have assumed, and are betraying the trust the parents have placed in our hands. If the child doesn't receive the full measure of benefit (physical, mental, social and emotional and spiritual) from every activity, then we have fallen down on the job somewhere.

Why this longwinded discussion of criteria at this time? Simply because many of us have considered the planning of trips as mere administrative detail, and a necessary headache for the counselor and kitchen staff in order to get the trip off on time and properly prepared.

How many of us have considered the rich experiences we deny our campers if we do not permit them to plan their trips, with the guidance and assistance of the counselors (not the counselors planning the trip and giving the campers busy work to do and calling it camper activity.) The usual reply would be, "This is all very well, but it takes the campers too long to make up their minds. I could do the work alone

in less than half the time and with less nervous and emotional strain."

True, but isn't that just what many parents say about their children, and thus prevent them from growing up and assuming their proper responsibilities in the household and society? Is our aim as camp administrators and educators to have activities quickly equipped and efficiently planned, or is it to educate the campers and to set up live, interesting and purposeful situations which will challenge them and give them the opportunities to work on and solve problems which arise? Children learn only as they work, not as we solve their problems for them. Just think back to the most thrilling and worthwhile experiences you have had. Weren't they the ones you helped plan and build?

The emotional and nervous strains we undergo every time our campers take a little longer time planning something than we think they should are our own fault, not the campers. If we realize that campers are children and are groping their way around in the uncharted wilderness of cooperative planning and group cooperation, and if we think of the long years of planning, fighting, and disagreement resulting from such a simple problem as world cooperative action, we will be humble indeed when we face the truly wonderful results of these children's planning groups.

What phases of planning must we consider for a trip, be it a short hike or a week canoe trip?

Type of Trip

The type of trip can be left to the imagination of the campers' planning group. Any of the following would be meaningful and of interest to a camper.

Fishing trip.

Horseback trip; pack trip; cowboy trip.

Canoe trip; Indian voyage; Northwest passage.

Overnight campout or cookout, include star study.

Midnight hike; moonlight hike; starlight hike.

Covered wagon trip; pioneer trip; gold rush; California Ho!

Mountain climbing trip; Swiss Alpine trip.

Hayride harvest festival.

Rainy day tramp; walking in the rain (well protected and covered.)

Photography hike; camera hunt.

Nature specimen hunt; water-

meeting, a joking remark to one of the campers before the meeting, or any other method you can think of may be used to stimulate the thinking and imaginations of the campers in the direction you



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OVERNIGHT COOKOUTS are sure to capture imagination of campers.

front specimen hunt; forest specimens.

Trapping expedition (woodchucks, etc.)

Bee line hike; as the crow flies; B-29 hike; cross country.

Compass hike (travel by previously arranged compass direction.)

Mapping trip; make map, or notes for a map of the camp grounds.

Lone Cruise; Induction into Indian Tribe or honor society, keeping a lone vigil for one night.

Sealed orders hike.

Starvation hike (use of the resources of the countryside.)

Jackknife cookery hike.

Distance hike, at the end of the season, to be attempted only after thorough training and preparation.

Treasure hunt.

Hare and hound game.

Visit to another camp, etc.

The counselors or guides can suggest, but it should come as a suggestion and not as an order. The final decision must be left to the campers, and they should be made to feel that they are the ones who made the suggestions or discoveries. A hint, a word or phrase spoken as an aside at a

want. If the campers have ideas, however, and they are feasible, we should go along with them. They may be better than ours!

The type of trip will depend upon the facilities available at the camp, or those which can be planned for and made, purchased or procured in some other way. The various possibilities should be announced to the campers, and then they should be permitted a choice. If too many campers wish to use one facility, then the director or counselor should use his good offices to mediate the dispute. This is how we learn to get along with our fellows in a social group. We give and take as the situation requires, but always in the spirit of good fellowship and comradeship.

Equipment

The equipment, both group and personal, will depend upon the type of trip, country over which the group will travel, time of year, age of campers, length of trip, local weather vagaries and whether or not the group plans to sleep in hostels. There is some equipment, however, which is necessary or advisable on all trips: maps of the regions, money, tools and repair kits, insect repellents —

matches in waterproof containers, list of emergency procedures and camp telephone number, a fund of games and stories, proper footwear (for walking — good walking shoes, not sneakers; for canoeing — mocassins or half sneakers; for horseback — boots or riding shoes; etc.) proper sun and wind protection for the head, eyes and body.

Food

Foods will depend upon the nature and type of trip, age of campers and length of trip. On long trips, dehydrated foods are preferable because of their lighter weight and smaller bulk. Foods which require refrigeration are not suitable for long walks or trips requiring difficult or long portages. Campers should be encouraged to prepare their own menus, under direction of the camp dietician and trip counselors. This is one of the extremely important, although unglamorous, features of trip planning and education, and one which the camp administration all too often overlooks. Administratively, it is much easier to have the kitchen and trip staff do it. With proper organization for this type of camper activity, however, campers will be more intelligent in the way they handle food, and the way they react to all phases of the trip, and the result will be actual saving of time.

How Far?

The length of the trip will be determined by the age and physical stamina of the group. It is wise to divide campers into groups of comparable physical strength and endurance for trip purposes. The length of the trip will also depend upon the means of travel — horse, canoe, wagon, foot, etc; type, condition and hilliness of the roads or countryside; direction of flow of rivers and choppi-ness of lake waters; direction and strength of prevailing winds, and other such factors. The final destination and means of travel should be decided upon by the campers according to their interests, available facilities and means of transportation.

How Many?

The ideal group for a trip consists of approximately eight to ten campers and two to three counsel-

ors, depending upon the type of trip, sleeping accommodations, distance to be covered, and length of time away from camp. Overnight trips and those lasting more than one day should include a minimum of two counselors no matter how few campers go along. This arrangement is necessary in order to have a responsible person available for an emergency trip to a telephone, etc., and still permit one counselor to remain with the campers.

Program

Too many counselors and trip leaders pay little or no attention to programs for trips. They think that the mere fact that campers are on the move will keep them interested and absorbed. Sometimes it does, and the prepared programs can be shelved for future use. But if the campers become bored, tired or homesick, a prepared program will be found invaluable as an anti-toxin for fights, arguments and temper tantrums. Simple program items, such as songs, nature study, memory quiz, spelling bees, round-robin story telling and camp fires add immeasurably to the success of any trip.

Emergency Procedure

Each counselor and camper should be thoroughly familiar with the emergency procedure. Everybody should know the camp telephone number and be instruc-

ted in the proper steps to be taken in case of accident. We all hope it will not be necessary, but we cannot afford to overlook any detail when the safety of our campers is concerned.

Physical Check-up

Each camper who wishes to go on a trip involving a long, strenuous, difficult journey, or overnight sleep-out should receive a thorough physical examination by the camp doctor just before he leaves. Campers who are tired and rundown should be kept in camp and not permitted on this trip.

Required Skills

Certain skills are prerequisites for some trips. It is logical to believe that a camper who does not know how to ride a horse should not be permitted to take a horseback trip. A wise plan followed by many well-organized camps is to have a set of requirements posted for the various types of trips. This not only familiarizes the camper with the necessary skills but also acts as a stimulus for him to master the skills more thoroughly and quickly because he understands the reason for practicing them and sees an attainable and desirable goal—the trip.

(The second and final part of Mr. Pierce's article on camp trips will appear in an early issue of *Camping Magazine*—Ed.)

Co-op, Co-ed Camp Has 10th Anniversary



Louise Meyerovitz, seated, is director of Camp Juvenile, West Hurley, New York, a cooperative and coeducational camp for teen-agers from low income brackets of the Bronx, N. Y., which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Festivities included an anniversary dinner, concluded with a show written and directed by the campers themselves. "Camping

Magazine" invites camp directors to send notes and photographs regarding the celebrations of any camp opening for the first time or which has reached a 10, 15 or 20 year period of operation.

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Publisher

AT A BUSINESS meeting of the ACA Executive Committee, held in October of this year, the publishers of Camping Magazine presented a report of the magazine's progress during the last year. It has been suggested that the membership of the Association would find interest in an abbreviated copy of this report. It is published below.

It is now just about one year since you authorized your subcommittee to negotiate an arrangement with our organization to take over publication of "Camping Magazine" for the Association. This is a report of progress achieved since that time and of plans for the future.

Editorial

The first six issues we published—January through June—contained a total of 216 pages; 130 of these were devoted to editorial material and 86 to advertising. The ratio of editorial to advertising for these issues is slightly over 60 per cent editorial to slightly under 40 per cent advertising, or approximately 10 per cent more editorial material than the minimum set by ACA.

Present plans call for publishing a total of 304 pages in the next eight issues, 188 of which will be editorial and 116 advertising. This will be a ratio of 62 per cent editorial and 38 per cent advertising.

We are at present operating under a plan whereby each article submitted for publication is in turn submitted before acceptance to the member of the Publications Committee or ACA committee chairman in whose field it falls, and also to the publications chairman of some ACA section. In this way, we hope to get both an expert appraisal of the material and also an "average reader" appraisal; decision to publish or reject can then be based on the

combined reactions of both these manuscript readers, together with our own editorial judgment.

As to subject matter, the first six issues of 1946 contained material on ACA, Program, Leadership, Camping in General, Administration, Physical Set-up, Health and Safety, Public Relations, Special Groups, as well as other miscellaneous material. Plans have been laid to cover each of these classifications in the next eight issues, on a percentage basis, in line with recommendations of the Publications Committee.

Twenty-five per cent of editorial space is allotted to ACA as follows: Across the ACA Desk, $\frac{1}{2}$ page every month; the President's Page, $\frac{1}{2}$ page every month; Resource Material, $\frac{1}{2}$ page every month; With the Sections, $\frac{1}{2}$ page every month; Reports and Plans of Regular and Special ACA Committees, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ page per committee every other month.

As you know, the entire magazine has been restyled, and the overwhelming indication, from letters received from readers, is that they are vastly pleased with both the new physical appearance of the magazine and also the type of material included.

We have added another full-time staff member to our publishing organization to work on "Camping Magazine" and assist Miss Walker. Miss Jean Krumpe, our new co-worker, has had two years of publishing experience and has also been a camp counselor. She is a most pleasant and capable young lady, and we are sure that her association with us will result in a better magazine.

Both Mrs. Galloway and the writer had the pleasure of visiting several camps this past summer; in all, we covered about 15 camps, in New Jersey, Maine, New

Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Macfarland our New York advertising representative, also had the opportunity of visiting several camps. This has been most helpful to all of us, and we look forward to a continuance of this custom in future years.

Advertising volume and income show continued and steady, though not phenomenal, gains. The additional income thus derived should enable us to make desirable improvements in the magazine, although it appears rising production costs may consume a substantial proportion of the increased revenue.

Circulation

Circulation growth has also been relatively steady, reflecting the fine job being done by ACA in obtaining new members as well as improvements in the magazine itself. The December 1945 issue had a total circulation of 3,550; the June 1946 issue had a total circulation of 4,030. We are continuing our efforts to build non-member circulation.

Two principal difficulties have arisen in connection with circulation. The first concerns the large number of ACA members whose membership lapses temporarily, requiring considerable clerical work in removing these stencils and later reinserting them. The second concerns the fact that ACA policy has been that when these lapsed members are reinstated, subscriptions to the magazine are reinstated on a retroactive basis. This poses an almost impossible problem, since every one of these retroactive copies of the magazine must be hand addressed; furthermore, since the number of such copies often runs to several hundred monthly there is no even approximately accurate method of properly estimating the number of copies of each

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

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IN SPEAKING OF the criteria for a good camp, we place first and foremost on the list the requirement that the camp be both a safe and a healthy place to which a parent can send his child. Camp Sugar Pine, San Francisco Girl Scout camp in the High Sierras, realizes that unless adequate provisions are made in these respects parents would be unwilling to entrust their girls to its custody.

Long before camp opens, careful planning has taken place, first as regards sanitary arrangements at camp, water supply, storing of perishable foods and second as to health of the personnel. The San Francisco Board of Health makes a bacteriological test of the drinking water and that in the swimming pool. A large refrigerator, a gift of the father of one of the Girl Scouts, assures that at every meal there is an abundance of milk, butter and fresh vegetables, and at the evening meal of fresh meat as well. The wash houses, with flush toilets and showers, take adequate care of all sanitary arrangements.

Another pre-camp requisite is the securing from parents of health records of all prospective campers — this in addition to a physician's examination record, which each girl must bring with her to camp. Children who are suffering from ailments which would render camp-life too strenuous for them are thus automatically excluded from a set-up which would be unsuited to their physical wellbeing.

Let us suppose that we are watching a group of one hundred or more girls arrive at camp. They climb out of buses and are greeted by one of the counselors, who directs them into line. They pass one by one through the log-cabin office, where the camp-director greets each girl, checks



CLEANLINESS is achieved through example and tactful suggestion.

her name off the list, receives from her the yellow health-record. The girl is, at the same time, told in what camp unit she belongs, and upon emerging from the office is met by a representative of her unit. When several girls have assembled they are led to a table where they are served glasses of milk and some crackers.

As the schedule has been thoughtfully arranged beforehand, the leaders realize that tired though the girls may be, their state of excitement is such that they are in no condition to relax sufficiently to rest. The afternoon is thus spent in getting settled, moving in and becoming acquainted with their new home and its occupants.

While this is going on, a careful check is being made of the health records which the girls have brought with them. If anything on any records requires immediate attention, these records are sent to the nurse. These girls instead of waiting for their physical check-up which in the course of camp will take place the following morning, see the nurse on the day of their arrival. (Paren-

thetically it may be stated that the number of these is very small.)

It is the duty of each unit leader to explain the health regulations which prevail in the unit, such as that the heads of beds must be at least three feet apart, that toothbrushes must be hung in the open, that girls using the shower must wade through a foot-bath of disinfectant both on the way in and on the way out. Furthermore, that rest hours mean real rest without visiting or talking together, that clothes are to be washed every other day in the tubs and wash-boards conveniently placed near the hot water supply.

As for personal cleanliness, good leaders find that that is achieved through example and tactful suggestion rather than through formal inspection. Among the younger girls more supervision in this respect is, naturally, needed.

Care and cleaning of the wash-houses fall to different teams of girls, locally called caper-groups, each day. Latrines and showers are scrubbed, shower-boards removed and sunned, hand-basins

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San Francisco Girl Scout Program Advisor

Photos courtesy Camp Tyrone, of the Flint, Michigan Y.W.C.A.



WATERFRONT regulations are rigidly enforced.

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The first evening at camp is spent in the intimacy of one's unit. There are many matters to be explained and questions to be answered. The excitement of a large and elaborately planned camp-fire for the whole camp is postponed until the next evening.

The next morning at breakfast, appointments with the nurse are made by unit. Every counselor and girl must have her temperature and pulse taken by the nurse. Her health record is in the nurse's hands at the time of examination. If the temperature is normal and the pulse in even rhythm, strong in quality and not too far from normal in count, the girl is considered ready to take on the strenuous life of camp.

A temperature above normal places the girl in the two-bed screened tent, known as the Covered Wagon, which serves as observation and hospital ward. Any marked deviations from normal pulse action are noted and the girl called in a day or so later for follow-up examination. The nurse in attendance has been coming to Camp Sugar Pine ever since its

inception. In consequence, she adds to her professional training an understanding of conditions which affect the newcomer in camp and recognizes deviations that a less experienced person might misinterpret.

All first-aid at camp is rendered by the nurse. Only when off on trips is a counselor permitted to administer to the girls. This rule applies not only to girls at camp, but to adults as well. No injury, however trivial, is poohpoohed by the nurse. Most of her cases are cuts, abrasions, insect bites, rash, burns, sunburn, saddle-burn, blisters, foreign particles in the eye and athlete's foot. When something more serious arises, which does not clear up after 24 hours, a doctor within 17 miles is available. The nurse keeps a careful record of every treatment which she has given at camp. Last summer there were 1,003 cases.

No camp is happy unless its campers are well-fed. A dietician, herself a skilled cook, plans the meals. She orders her staples before the season opens, but meat is purchased locally from a butcher

who supplies many people in the neighborhood. This insures that the supply is always fresh. Fresh vegetables and fruit, milk and eggs are also brought in regularly.

Meals are well balanced and food ample. Campers planning a "cook-out" put in their requisition the day before. A sample cook-out meal for breakfast contains the following items: Bacon and eggs, hot-cakes, fresh fruit and hot chocolate. A typical cook-out dinner comprises: Hamburger and cheese with rolls to make "cheeseburgers," uncooked tomatoes, fruit and milk.

Health and safety regulations extend to the special activity groups as well as to the general set-up at camp. Each of these has its own code in regard to these measures.

Down at the swimming-pool the area is divided into three parts. The first day on which girls are permitted to enter the water (their third at camp) a test is taken as to the progress of each girl in the art of swimming. Each girl then receives her rating, which may be improved during the season, and is permitted to enter only that area of the pool which is considered safe for her. Thus, a non-swimmer goes only into shallow water; a swimmer is permitted in the mid-part of the pool, where the water is never beyond her depth; and only expert swimmers are allowed into deep water.

There are two guards stationed at each area and special guards for deep or inaccessible areas. These guards are expert swimmers and have passed their Red-cross Life-saving tests. Furthermore, they are equipped with poles and other life-saving equipment to be used in case of need.

Before a girl goes to the swimming-pool her medical record, if this shows need for special care, is handed to the head swimming counselor. When a girl arrives, she finds her name posted on the bulletin board, together with a number, which is to be hers throughout the session. Adjacent to this list is a peg-board on which hang numbered tags. When a girl enters the water, she turns her tag over and replaces it on its hook. The reverse side of the tag

is red. When she finishes her swim, she replaces the tag in its original position. Penalty for failure to abide by this safety precaution is restriction from use of the pool the following day. In addition, every girl who goes into the water does so with a buddy for whom she is responsible.

Instruction goes on daily, each girl staying in the water a maximum of 45 minutes, since our mountain-stream water is cold. For advanced swimmers life-saving classes are held. Here girls are taught to assist others in the water and to care for themselves.

Horseback-riding has its own set of standards for protection and safety. First rides are limited to an hour in duration and any girl desiring to take long rides or overnight rides must have at least three hours of riding previous to the planned excursion. Girls are required to wear suitable clothing and to maintain a single file on trips. In riding, too, each girl must have a buddy. For trips which include a swim, a life-saver must be taken along.

Pioneering Club seeks to teach campers to take care of themselves in the wilderness. They are taught the care and handling of tools, building and extinguishing of fires, preparation and cooking of food, etc. When camp is set up, a latrine is dug and built and use of lime is explained. A first-aid kit is part of the regular equipment which accompanies every trip. All food and drinking water are brought from camp.

There is an excellent emergency drill in which the whole camp participates. A siren centrally located calls every person at camp to a prearranged spot, each bearing the equipment or supplies which are her responsibility. A check-up is made by the camp director after all are assembled. The last drill was brought to completion in five minutes flat.

Camp Sugar Pine thinks that its girls are well looked after. That small accidents occur is inevitable, also that there is a small amount of sickness. But it is felt that precautions taken here equal, if not exceed, those taken in any home, and that a part of camping experience is the ability to "take it" when it comes to minor accidents.

FOUR American Girl Scouts and two Canadian Girl Guides—one French and one English—cooking over a primitive fire at Guide-Scout International Camp at Morin Heights, Quebec.



An Adventure in International Camping

Realizing the growing interest, especially of older girls and boys, in camping beyond their own border, American Girl Scouts and Canadian Girl Guides set up an experimental camp for leaders in Canada's Laurentians last August.

To this camp were invited ten American Scout Leaders from the New England and Middle Atlantic States and ten Canadian Girl Guides from the Eastern Provinces. Two representatives from each national organization directed the activities of the group, which for ten days lived together under canvas, slept under the stars, and cooked in the open.

Days were spent in hiking, swimming, canoeing, nature activities, craft work, routine "housekeeping" duties, and the building of various useful camp gadgets. Evenings were devoted to campfire programs of recreational or inspirational nature, song fests, square and folk dances, group discussions, and simply getting to know one another better.

Leaders who attended the camp

returned home with a knowledge of songs, games, dances, recipes, and skills; but of perhaps greater importance, they brought back the realization that the Canadian-American border is merely a line on a map, and that the people on both sides of it, in spite of their differences in nationality and language, are basically very much alike in their habits and thought, indigenous culture, and belief in democratic principles.

The success of this first international Guide-Scout encampment in five years led to the recommendation by the campers that one or more similar camps for leaders should be conducted in Canada and the United States next year, that there should be an exchange of experienced camp counselors between the two countries, and that some older girl groups on both sides of the border should be given an opportunity to participate in established camp programs in the neighboring country as soon as possible.

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The President's Page

By Barbara Ellen Joy

President, ACA

The Program Workshop held in October at Oconomowoc, Wis., ably directed by Mr. A. Cooper Ballentine, was a very successful meeting. The enthusiastic and able delegates produced materials which will be of great practical help in planning the regional conferences and sectional meetings throughout 1947. Sections will be supplied with a full report.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held for a day and a half preceding the Workshop, and a great deal of business was transacted. A Camp Standards Committee was voted, and Mr. Wilbur A. Joseph of Pittsburgh accepted the Chairmanship. There is crying need in camping for publicity regarding our present standards (contained in the "Marks of Good Camping") and for further revision of these standards. This Committee has an important job to do, and we hope the Sections will speedily appoint local chairmen to work with Mr. Joseph on this committee.

It was also voted to establish a Library Committee, whose chief function will be to build a master library on camping in some university. There is not at present an official, inclusive official camping library for use by students and others interested in study and research.

There is in preparation a much-needed brochure on camping philosophy and objectives, which will be of particular value to the agencies now entering camping on a large scale, especially the church groups. This will be distributed free to camp and sustaining members, and held for sale by the central office. It will be a valuable addition to the camp literature sponsored and distributed by the ACA.

An analysis of Senate Bill 2399, which contains vast implications for camping, will be sent to Presi-

dents of Sections for use at sectional meetings. This analysis will be furnished by the Boy Scouts.

The Chairman of the ACA Health and Safety Committee, Miss Marjorie Camp, is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference on Facilities for Athletics, Recreation, Health and Physical Education and will attend a two-week Workshop to be held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, December 1st to 15th. This significant Workshop is made possible through a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Athletic Institute, and will draw leaders in these fields from all over the country.

The Annual Membership Meeting will take place at the Board of Directors Meeting to be held at Cleveland January 29th and 30th, 1947. Important matters of vital concern to the future of camping and the ACA will be considered and it is important that each Section be fully represented by official delegates. Dates and places for the six Regional Conferences have been set and plans are being made for six wonderful meetings.

At the Oconomowoc Workshop much enthusiasm was apparent for the compilation of a Talent List which could be used by all regions and sections in planning programs for meetings. This list will be in two parts—one a list of members and the special topics on which they are qualified to speak and the second a list of non-members who are qualified to bring inspirational or practical messages to our members. Your President is compiling this list and earnestly requests that Sections which have not already sent in such lists, do so at once. The entire list will then be sent from the central office to all Sections.

There is in preparation also a statement covering "The Relation-

ship of Camping to Public Education" which will be presented to the Board of Directors in January for official adoption. There is an expressed need for an official policy on this subject on the part of the ACA.

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issue to have printed. The result of this has been that in some cases we have run out of copies of certain issues and been forced to disappoint subscribers, while in other cases we find ourselves with several hundred copies of an issue bought and paid for but not used.

We believe it will be of considerable advantage to ACA as well as to ourselves if some way can be found by the Executive Committee to eliminate the sending out of copies of the magazine retroactively. Possibly if members were informed they would not receive copies of the magazine during any period in which their membership lapsed it would have a salutary effect on getting dues paid more promptly; certainly such a change would make it possible for us more accurately to gauge the size of our print order.

Printing and paper continue to be major problems, not alone for us, but for all publishers. No one yet knows how or when this situation will improve; in the meantime we can only go along and do our best to meet each new situation as it arises.

Aside from the problems mentioned above, which we are confident can be worked out satisfactorily, we can say that all in all, we are very happy with our arrangement and believe it holds great possibilities for future development along lines that will be mutually advantageous. We sincerely trust that ACA is equally satisfied with the present cooperative arrangement.

We are both willing and anxious to receive any advice and assistance which the ACA Officers and Executive Committee can give as to ways in which the magazine can be further improved.

1947 Regional Conventions Planned by ACA

As most of our readers are aware, it was decided at the February 1946 Convention in Boston that in 1947 the annual convention would be held on a regional basis. While detailed plans are not yet available, the grouping of Sections and the chosen regions are being reprinted here, for the benefit of those who missed this item in the November issue:

Middle East region, which includes Allegheny, Central Ohio, Lake Erie, Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania Sections will hold their convention in the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2.

Southeast region, including National Capital, Southeastern, Tennessee Valley and Tri-State Sections—Feb. 6, 7 and 8; up to this time, the place has not been determined.

Southwest region, including Louisiana, Missouri Valley, St. Louis and Southwest Sections, will convene in Kansas City, Mo., on Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. The

exact location will be announced later.

Pacific region, including Arizona, Northern California, Oregon, San Diego County, San Joaquin Valley, Southern California and Washington Sections, will meet in Oregon, at a place to be decided upon later, on March 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Northeast region, including Central New York, New England, New Jersey, New York, Northeastern New York and Quebec, will convene at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, on March 13, 14 and 15.

North Central region, which includes Central Illinois, Chicago, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Ontario Sections, will hold their convention at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, on March 20, 21 and 22.

When further details are available, they will be published in future issues of "Camping Magazine."

Nominating Committee Drafting Slate

By F. D. Bell, Chairman

Your ACA Nominating Committee has two current jobs — first, the inherited routine one of presenting a slate for President and Secretary; second, the acquired, adventurous one of exploring, digesting and presenting to the Executive and the Membership suggested improvements in nominating procedure. The latter function has been undertaken as a result of various suggestions from members, and on instructions from the President. A report thereon to the membership through *Camping Magazine* may be made later if space and interest indicate. Meanwhile, your committee will welcome further suggestions from the field.

The Nominating Committee has been built on a regional basis to cover all sections, with two members from the Chairman's section in order that a small group may meet, confer, sift, when all reports are received. The committee is composed of F. D. Bell, Chairman, Tuxedo, N.C. Robert Gould, 154 W. 12 St., Los Angeles 15, Calif., representing Arizona, Northern California, Oregon, San Joaquin, Southern California, Washington, San Diego County. Ralph D. Roehm, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N.Y., representing New York, Northeastern New York, Central New York, Allegheny, New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey.

H. Arnold Ward, 2938 Dundas St., W., Toronto, Canada, representing Ontario and Quebec. Mrs. Kathryn Curtis, Camp Illahee, Brevard, N.C., representing Southeastern, Tennessee Valley, National Capital. Melvin Dillon, 520 Ruthland Ave., St. Louis, Mo., representing St. Louis, Ohio Valley, Southwest, Tri-State, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Chicago, Decatur, Indiana, Iowa, Lake Erie, Michigan, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri Valley. Miss Mary Gwynn, Brevard, N.C., member at large.

All members of the ACA are invited to propose names for President and Secretary. Preferably, write directly to that member of the committee in whose region you are located. Or, write to your section president or secretary, asking that your suggestion be passed on. Or, write di-

rectly to Frank Bell, Tuxedo, N.C. Suggestions should be in as early as possible.

The committee procedure currently being followed is:

The Chairman has asked each committeeman to secure from each section president in his region, that section's proposals. When these are assembled in the Chairman's office, all members of the Nominating Committee will be invited to meet, study, and sift the names so accumulated. Report of these proceedings will be made to absent committeemen, their reactions noted, and a final report drawn up for presentation to the Executive and the Association.

The committee, on its own judgment, by general advice and by specific instruction from the Executive Committee, wishes to make clear that suggestions from the field are to be weighed and considered—not counted as votes. Final decision will be the judgment and responsibility of the Committee. Pertinent correspondence is later to be filed in central ACA office.

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Edited by Marjorie Cooper

Cleveland Council, Camp Fire Girls

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Everybody's Handicraft Handbook

Published by Progress Press, Washington, D.C., 1946. \$2.00

This interesting book is a smorgasbord of ideas—a taste of many crafts to whet the appetite. It contains excellent ideas of improvised tools and equipment. Although the book does not give detailed instructions for every craft, it does contain an excellent bibliography for those who want more advanced information on techniques. Subject matter ranges from woodcarving and blockprinting to puppetry. A selected bibliography with comments is included.—M.W.P.

Creative Crafts in Wood

By Michael C. Dank. Published by Manual Arts Press, 1945. \$3.00

This is an excellent book to have in a camp library. It is profusely illustrated, giving explicit directions and materials, technical names for tools used (knowledge which children generally like to display) and many patterns. The many illustrations include photographs of work actually done by children, as well as photographs showing actual methods of work. This could be a good resource book for use of both campers and counselors.—M.W.P.

Silhouette Cutting

By Jean Frances Bennet. Published by Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee, 1946. \$2.00

As the author says, "This book is for hobby hunters who like to draw a little and want to get some fun from their talent." Who doesn't like to be a cut-up? With a bit of imagination, some black paper and pointed scissors, one can create murals, place cards, nature silhouettes and window

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When You Plan Your Camp

Prepared by the Camping Department of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc., 88 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y., Fall, 1946. 51 pages. \$.75

This booklet gives some pointers on choosing camp sites, a brief statement on sanitation, and some ideas on layout. In addition, there are some 30 floor plans and elevations, including dining and recreation units, sleeping cabins, director's and week-end cottages, older girls' training units, health cabins, shower houses and craft cabins. All of them are buildings actually in use in Camp Fire Girls' camps, so that they have been tested and found practical. This should prove a very usable book of anyone building or extending a camp.

So You Want to Be a Camp Counselor

By Elmer F. Ott. Association Press, 1946. \$.75

This down-to-earth book, written by an experienced camp director, helps to fill one of the vital needs of the counselor facing his first job or his season in a new camp, as well as supplying usable material for the director who is planning his counselors' training course. The author has included guides for choice in ways of working as a counselor, has outlined some of the pitfalls that await the unwary, and has given many practical tips for ways to do a better job in this capacity. There is much material for discussion in counselors' meetings. This book would be a real addition to a camp library.

ACA Members Needed

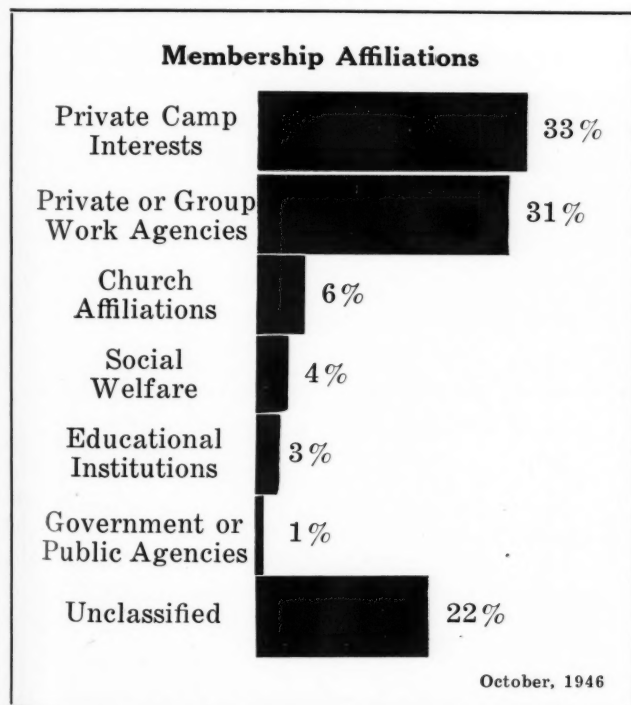
By Ray E. Bassett, Chairman
ACA Membership Committee

The American Camping Association has enjoyed a substantial and healthy increase in membership in 1946 over 1945, and in 1945 over the preceding year. That is as it should be. Every one has expected it. Times are better, there is an accelerated interest in camping, and ACA is giving a greater service to its members. The big question is, "Are we moving as fast as we should?" Many of us feel that we are not.

The ACA Membership Committee, composed of the Chairmen of Membership Committees of the Sections and representatives of national private group work and social agencies, are going to make an effort to bring ACA membership for the coming year to a new high. This will require active planning and work by every Section Membership Committee, in addition to a general cooperative effort throughout the Association.

The standard suggested procedure for membership promotion as published in the April, 1945, "Camping Magazine," will be continued this coming year. In addition, there will be quarterly reports from each Section for analysis of membership. The next report will be due from the Section chairmen on January first.

Analysis of membership in ACA by types of affiliation as of October 1 from reports of 17 Sections out of the 35 is shown by the following chart:



Analysis by classifications of membership as of October 1 is shown by the following:

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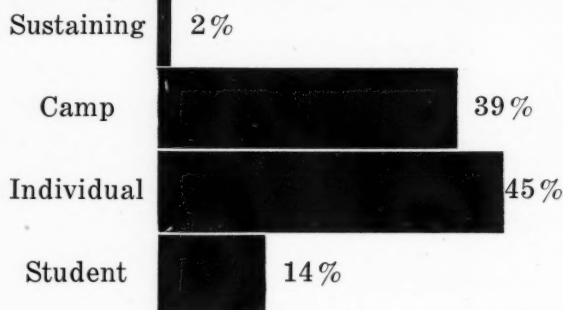
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Your earnest cooperation is urgently solicited to renew your membership promptly in order to receive continuity in magazine and other services at the least expense to the Association, to raise your type of membership if at all possible and to secure at least one other member to ACA.

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News Notes

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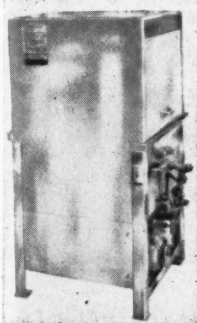
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If any of the floor surfaces of your camp buildings will be in need of a fresh coat of paint this year, it will be wise to bear in mind the new Rubbermastic Concrete Floor Paint, produced by the Los Angeles Division of Tiz-Nu Corporation, who claim that it is made from 100% gilsonite and that it will dry tack-free in four hours to an enamel-like finish. The manufacturer claims also that the necessity of etching or priming is eliminated. Floors flushed with water after the paint is dry are said to develop flint-like hardness which will resist any acid, heat, rain, sun, snow, ice and the abrasive effects of dirt and sand. The present material shortage will not affect the immediate availability of Rubbermastic Paint, as gilsonite is said to be plentiful.

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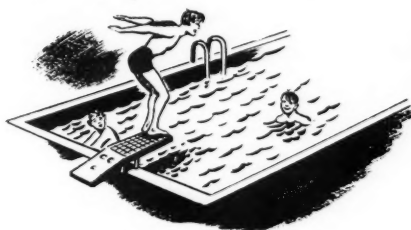
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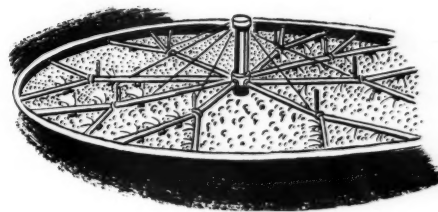
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